



# Grafton Conservation Commission

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## Minutes of the May 16, 2023 Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Grafton Conservation Commission was held via Zoom on May 16, 2023. Present were: Chair Sandra Brock, Commissioners Jonathan Nickerson, Patrick Huegel, Emily Herzfeld and Travis Mast, Conservation Agent Leah Cameron and Conservation Assistant Jan Elyse Taylor.

Sandra Brock opened the public meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**Request for a Certificate of Compliance – DEP #164-890 / WP# 723 / SWP# 15-2 – 114 Merriam Road** – The Commission took no action and rescheduled this item to June 6, 2023.

**Request for a Certificate of Compliance – DEP #164-830/ WP# 668 – 6 Magnolia Lane** - The Commission took no action and rescheduled this item to June 6, 2023.

**May 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – Travis Mast made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as drafted. Patrick Huegel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Highfields Subdivision wetland replication - DEP #164-591 / WP #438** – Travis Mast recused himself as he is an abutter to this project. Byron Andrews of DiPrete Engineering proposed shifting required replication areas into phase 2 in order to be able to close out phase 1 of the project. A certificate of Compliance was previously denied for this phase due to the wetland replication not being completed. The Agent stated that the replication work will need to file a new Notice of Intent because their existing permits have all expired, and there is no record of a bond being in place despite being referenced in the Order of Conditions. The Commission is open to replication areas moving but would want to pursue a bond and peer review oversight of the replication going forward.

**RDA – 6 Frankie Lane – V&J, LLC - septic system repair** – Vito Colonna of Connorstone Engineering presented the project. The applicant is proposing to repair the existing septic system within the 100' Buffer Zone in existing lawn. The Agent suggested the special condition that erosion control shall be removed when finished. Travis Mast made a motion to close the hearing and issue negative determination with the condition cited above. Patrick Huegel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Reopen NOI-#164-1031/ WP#846/ SWP#22-1 -58 Follette St – Cellco Partnership/Verizon Wireless – discuss special conditions for cell tower and driveway** – Travis Mast and Emily Herzfeld abstained since they were not members of the Commission when this public hearing opened. Jessica Bardi, Tom Liddy and Jesse Moreno represented the applicant to discuss the special conditions for this project. The applicant believes that some of the conditions are not

possible to comply with due to construction timing and sequencing. The drafted conditions 9 and 10 were combined and revised to be more generic; drafted condition 11 was proposed to change to “after a building permit was issued and prior to permit close out” but the Commission is will seek guidance from the building inspector; drafted condition 14 was revised to allow vernal pool certification during the first spring season after the start of work; drafted condition 24 was revised to allow planting during the appropriate planting season; and drafted condition 25 was revised to allow work to be done during low flow conditions. The applicant requested a continuance to June 6. Jonathan Nickerson made a motion to continue the public hearing and was seconded by Patrick Huegel. The motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Nickerson made a motion, seconded by Emily Herzfeld, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Documents discussed & located in the Conservation Commission office:**

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 114 Merriam Road  
Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 6 Magnolia Lane  
RDA Package for 6 Frankie Lane  
NOI Package for 58 Follette Street  
OOC Package for Highfields Subdivision  
May 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
Report to Commissioners dated May 16, 2023

Minutes drafted by Jan Elyse Taylor  
Approved on 6/6/2023